

~Salmonella Pullorum Typhoid (P-T): Frequently Asked Questions~

What is Salmonella Pullorum Typhoid (P-T)?

Salmonella Pullorum Typhoid (P-T) is a bacterial disease which can produce significant mortalities in chicken, turkey and game bird flocks. Transmission occurs primarily through the egg but also occurs via direct or indirect contact with infected birds. Nearly all chicks with P-T die; those that survive become carriers and can infect their chicks.

Signs of P-T:

White diarrhea
Pasted vent
Huddle together
Lameness
Difficulty breathing

How can I protect my birds from P-T?

One way producers can ensure that their birds are free of P-T is by joining the [National Poultry Improvement Plan \(NPIP\)](#) or by buying your birds from [NPIP participants](#).

For additional information:

[United State Department of Agriculture-NPIP](#)

Who do I contact about NPIP in Washington State?

If you are interested in [NPIP](#) in Washington please contact the Avian Health Program at:

1-800-606-3056 or (360) 725-5654

Or

mgill@agr.wa.gov

What regulations are there about P-T testing in Washington?

In accordance with [WAC 16-59-030](#) (external site), all poultry going to public exhibit, including exotic and game birds, but excluding waterfowl, doves and pigeons must:

1. Come from U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean or equivalent flocks, as defined in the National Poultry Improvement Plan and Auxiliary Provisions, [Title 9 CFR 145.53](#); (external site) or
2. Have had a negative pullorum-typhoid test within **90** days before going to exhibit.